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Allen D. Hertz, et al.

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February 24, 2004

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**METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING OPERABILITY OF A  
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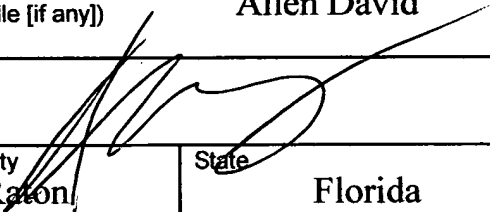
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Applicants: Allen D. Hertz, et al.  
Title: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR MAINTAINING OPERABILITY  
OF A FLEXIBLE, SELF CONFORMING, WORKPIECE SUPPORT SYSTEM**

Divisional Application of 09/597,905 filed on June 19, 2000.

**Statement Requesting Deletion of Non-Inventors**

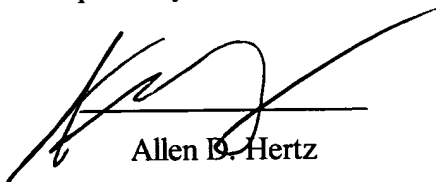
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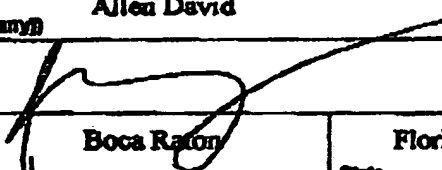
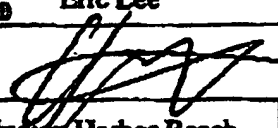
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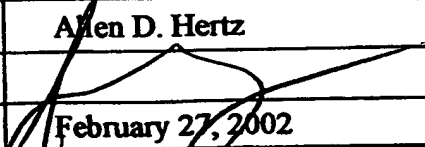
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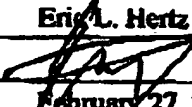
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